

# Colorado Direct Entry Midwifery Registration

## **Registration News 2002**

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### **PERSONNEL CHANGES**

Since the 2001 registration renewal there has been another personnel change in this office. Linda Fleming, the former Program Administrator for the Midwifery Registration, took a promotion within the Department of Regulatory Agencies in October 2001. In November 2001, Kevin Heupel left the Attorney General's Office and became the new Program Administrator. The Division of Registrations is currently reorganizing, and as a result, more changes are in store.

Before assuming the duties of Program Administrator, Mr. Heupel spent five years at the Colorado Office of the Attorney General, and served as an Assistant Attorney General and General Counsel to the Midwifery Registration as well as several other boards and professions.

In last year's newsletter we told you that Rosemary McCool had been named as the replacement for Bruce Douglas. Ms. McCool is the new Director of the Colorado Division of Registrations and is ultimately responsible for the enforcement of the Midwifery Practice Act. Ms. McCool joined the Division of Registrations in 1992 and has served in several capacities. During her tenure, she managed the Division's centralized investigation section and served as the program administrator for the Colorado State Boards of Dental Examiners, Chiropractic Examiners, and Nursing Home Administrators.

### **NEW OFFICE LOCATION**

On September 5, 2002, the Colorado Midwifery Registration moved to Suite 1340 of the same building as before, the Denver Post Tower. Our mailing address is 1560 Broadway, Suite 1340, Denver, Colorado, 80202. The phone number remains the same: 303-894-2464, but our fax number is now 303-894-7802. We also made a slight name change. In the past, this office was known as Colorado Midwives Registration but we changed it to Colorado Midwifery Registration to be consistent with the names of the other allied health professions.

### **NEW STATISTICAL SURVEY**

Due to the recent practice act amendments and the confusion with the statistical form used in the past, we have revised the form for this year's renewal. You will immediately notice that there are fewer questions. Also, the questions eliminate the overlap that existed with some of the prior statistics. We would appreciate your feedback on the new form, so let us know what you think.

## COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINE

Between October 1, 2001 and September 25, 2002, seven complaints were filed against lay midwives in Colorado. The allegations include: substandard care (with or without good outcomes), practicing without a license, poor charting, and monetary disputes. In the same time frame, five complaints were dismissed, and the following licensees were disciplined:

Licensee's Name	Date	Conduct	Disciplinary Sanction
Sarah Fredrickson	May 10, 2002	Practiced on lapsed registration	Probation
Jennifer Jessen	April 11, 2002	Substandard care, newborn death	Relinquishment
Pamela Kier	Jan. 30, 2002	Substandard care, poor record keeping	Revocation

## RULEMAKING HEARING

A number of you were present for the rulemaking hearing on the proposed midwifery rules on March 27, 2002. Many more individuals submitted written comments, primarily on the proposed rule regarding VBAC patients. The testimony and written comments were very much appreciated by the Director, and as a result, the proposed rule was not adopted. Therefore, midwives may continue accepting VBAC women for midwifery care.

Another rule change concerned the statutory requirement for registration after July 1, 2003. Apprenticeships will no longer satisfy this requirement. Instead, graduation from a MEAC – approved educational program will be mandatory. Alternatives for individuals who have already completed their training outside of formal schooling do exist, however. An applicant may request a credentials review through NARM's Portfolio Evaluation Process, or if already credentialed as a CPM, the education requirements for registration will be deemed satisfied. Additionally, foreign applicants may request a credentials review by the International Credentialing Associates or the International Consultants of Delaware. For more information about the rules, please visit our website at [www.dora.state.co.us/midwives](http://www.dora.state.co.us/midwives).

## NEWLY REGISTERED MIDWIVES, MIDWIFERY EXAMS, AND FEES

We have seven new registrants since the last newsletter: Rebekah Scott, Merrie MacDowell, Jeanette Ware, Christine Boyer, Janalea Eklund, Laura Luckett-Lohse, and Robin Willes.

The 2003 exams are scheduled for February 19 and August 20, 2003. Please note there is a possibility that the examination fee may increase to \$700. Unfortunately, the cost of the examination is out of our control, but we are working on reducing the fee.

## ON THE WEB

The application form and reinstatement form have recently been changed, and are available on our website at [www.dora.state.co.us/midwives](http://www.dora.state.co.us/midwives). Each form has a separate button on the left side of the home page.

It is also possible to look up information on yourself or any other currently registered Colorado direct-entry midwife on our home page. Scroll down to "Search the Automated Licensure Information System Online – ALISON" and click, then follow the instructions.

## ADDRESS ALERT

Please check your name and address on the renewal to be sure that it is correct. If not, please be sure to let us know if any of this information has changed. If we don't show a telephone number for you, that means we don't have one and as a result can't pass it along to anyone looking for a midwife in your area. Please help us help you by making sure we have a correct address and phone number for you.

## LAST YEAR'S RENEWAL

Thirty-six midwives renewed their registrations last November, out of 37 renewals mailed, or a 97 percent renewal rate. The results of the 2001 statistical survey are as follows:

	<b>2001</b>
Women receiving midwife care	571
Women receiving only midwife care	496
Deliveries attended by midwives	566
Referred to MD after screening	21
Referred to MD before labor	46
Transferred to hospital during labor/delivery	64
Infants requiring consult/transport within 24 hours after delivery	13

## NOTICE TO MIDWIVES REGARDING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

*Section 24-34-107(1) of the Colorado Revised Statutes requires that every application by an individual for a license issued pursuant to the authority set forth in title 12, C.R.S., by the Department of Regulatory Agencies, shall require the applicant's social security number. Disclosure of your social security number is mandatory for purposes of establishing, modifying, or enforcing child support under § 14-14-113 and § 26-13-126, C.R.S.; locating an individual who is under an obligation to pay child support as required by § 26-13-107(3)(a)(I)(A), C.R.S.; and reporting disciplinary actions to the Health Integrity and Protection Data Bank as required by 45 CFR §§ 61.1 et seq. Failure to provide your social security number for these mandatory purposes will result in the denial of your licensure application. Disclosure of your social security number is voluntary for disclosure to other state regulatory agencies, testing and examination vendors, law enforcement agencies, and other private federations and associations involved in professional regulation for identification purposes only. Your social security number will not be released for any other purpose not provided for by law.*